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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT AGAINST REFINERY

REF: ISTANBUL 0108

1. JANUARY 11 EDITION OF MILLIYET AND SEVERAL OTHER PAPERS CARRY
REPORT FROM PARIS THAT UNIDENTIFIED REPRESENTATIVE OF ARMENIAN
ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF "78 OF MAY GROUP" TELEPHONED AFP
ON JANUARY 8 THREATENING TO SABOTAGE PETROLEUM REFINERY IN IZMIT.
CALLER ALSO REPORTEDLY CLAIMED CREDIT FOR GROUP HAVING CARRIED OUT
ASSASSINATION OF TURKISH DIPLOMATS IN 1975 AND 1976 AND FOR
BOMBING OF ISTANBUL AIRPORT AND TRAIN STATION IN MAY LAST YEAR.

2. ARTICLE CONTINUES STATING THAT ON JANUARY 8 TURKISH POLICE
IN IZMIT REPORT HAVING DISARMED POWERFUL TIME BOMB WHICH WAS
FOUND IN IZMIT BUS STATION.

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3. COMMENT: AS NOTED REFTTEL, NEW PATTERN MAY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED
WHEREBY TURKISH EXTREMISTS HERE HAVE BEGUN REACTING AGAINST
ARMENIAN TARGETS IN ISTANBUL WHEN ARMENIAN TERRORISTS ABROAD
ATTACK TURKISH FACILITIES. BOMBINGS IN BRUSSELS AND LONDON LAST
WEEK WERE FOLLOWED BY SMALL BOMBS AT ARMENIAN CHURCH AND ARMENIAN-
OWNED SHOP THIS PAST WEEKEND. RETALIATION BY EXTREMISTS TO IZMIT

ATTEMPT MAY, THEREFORE, FOLLOW. CONGEN RECALLS THAT AFTER LAST YEAR'S EXPLOSIONS AT AIRPORT AND TRAIN STATION WHICH KILLED SEVERAL PEOPLE, NEWLY-INSTALLED ECEVIT GOVERNMENT REACTED WITH RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY INTO TURKEY BY ARMENIAN-ORIGIN NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING U.S. THIS MEASURE WAS SOON LIFTED. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT FORM IT WILL TAKE, IF CONFRONTED WITH NEW PROVOCATIONS BY ARMENIAN TERRORISTS ABROAD SUCH AS IZMIT INCIDENT, CONGEN FEELS WE CAN EXPECT TURKS TO AGAIN TIGHTEN UP SECURITY.
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